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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO CONVERSATION WITH MOURSI AND POSTPONE-
MENT OF CIVAIR CONSULTATION (REFTEL), EMBASSY HAS SENT NOTE TO
FORNOFFICE ON SUBJECT OF TWA OPERATIONS AND FUTURE TALKS.

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THE EMBASSY OF THE USA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MIN
OF FORNAFFAIRS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND HAS THE HONOR
TO REFER TO ITS NOTE OF 511 OF 10 NOV 1976, CONCERNING THE
OPERATIONS OF TWA AND THE SCHEDULING OF NEGOTIATIONS IN
WASHINGTON ON 10 DEC 1976.

AS THE MINISTRY IS AWARE, THE TALKS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED
UNTIL A DATE EARLY IN 1977, EITHER IN WASHINGTON DURING THE
MONTH OF JAN, OR IN CAIRO AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED. THE
DECISION TO POSTPONE WAS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE RE-
SPONSIBLE OFFICIALS OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVT AND OFFICERS OF THE
EMBASSY.

PENDING A DECISION ON WHERE AND WHEN THE MEETINGS WILL BE
HELD, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MIN-
ISTRY IN INVITING THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE AGNECIES TO
TWO SPECIFIC POINTS CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF TWA.

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1. THE COMPANY PRESENTLY ENJOYS FIFTH-FREEDOM TRAFFIC

RIGHTS ON ALL OF ITS SEVEN WEEKLY FLIGHTS. IT IS THE EXPECTATION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE CASE SO THAT THE SUBJECT CAN BE DISCUSSED DURING THE NEGOTIATION.

2. AS INDICATED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE 511, THE UNITED STATES RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE NEW YORK-PARIS-CAIRO SEGMENT OF FLIGHTS 800/807 BE AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN PENDING THE DISCUSSIONS MENTIONED ABOVE.

THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MIN OF FORNAFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQTE

2. WITH REGARD TO SITE FOR TALK, MOURSI CONTINUES TO BELIEVE USG INTEREST WOULD BE BEST SERVED IF CAIRO WERE SELECTED, BUT HE PERSONALLY DOES NOT CARE. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, WE CONCUR IN HIS ASSESSMENT AND THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT CONSULTATIONS BE SCHEDULED HERE SOME TIME DURING THE FIRST QUARTER. IF WE CAN PROPOSE A DATE, SAY IN EARLY MARCH, THE EGYPTIANS ARE LIKELY TO ACCEPT IT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, AND WE CAN THEREBY ACCOMPLISH THE DUAL PURPOSE OF EXTENDING FULL FIFTH-FREEDOM OPERATIONS UNTIL THAT TIME WHILE ENSURING THE TALKS ARE HELD WHERE MAXIMUM PRESSURE CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR TO SECURE EXTENSION PLUS ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS.

3. WHILE WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT PASSENGER RIGHTS ISSUE WILL BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTE, PARIS FLIGHTS ARE UNLIKELY TO BE APPROVED. THE REFERENCE WAS MADE TO KEEP THE ISSUE ON THE RECORD AND WE HAVE ALSO MADE ANOTHER ORAL DEMARCHE TO MOURSI AND SHINNAWI.
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